



# SUPERINTENDENT'S BRIEF

Dr. Genelle Morris

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## A Message from Dr. Morris:

With spring in bloom, there's a renewed sense of energy and optimism across the Olean City School District. With longer days, warmer weather, and the school year entering its final stretch, our classrooms continue to be filled with curiosity, collaboration, and a strong sense of Husky pride. From academic achievements to performances, competitions, and service projects, our students continue to shine in ways that make our entire community proud.

Spring is a powerful reminder that growth doesn't happen overnight; it takes patience, teamwork, and consistent effort. I am deeply appreciative of our educators who inspire and support our students each day, our families who reinforce the importance of learning at home, and our community partners who stand beside us in so many meaningful ways.

I encourage families to stay connected by attending school events, engaging in conversations about district initiatives, and sharing feedback that helps guide our work. Your partnership is essential, and together we will continue to build a year defined by excellence, growth, and Husky Pride.

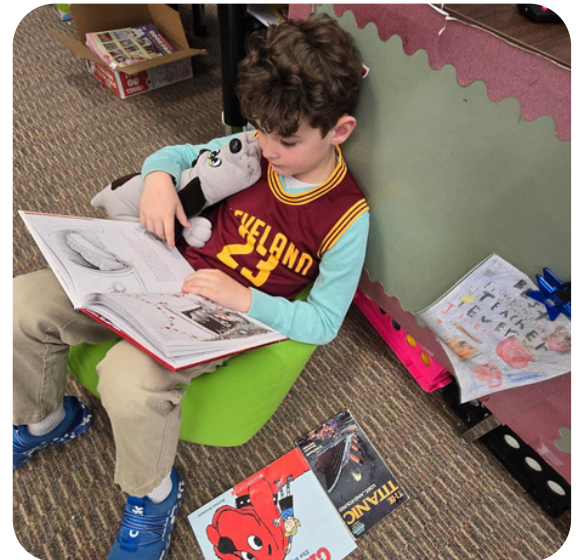
*-Dr. Genelle Morris*





## EV D.E.A.R. Day:

East View students had a fun and comfy DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) day as part of the Furry Friend Reading Incentive Program! Students brought in their favorite stuffed animals and spent time reading together, making reading both fun and cozy.





## OHS Hosts CCMTA All-County Festival #2:

On March 21st, Olean High School proudly hosted the CCMTA All-County Festival #2. The event showcased incredible talent and collaboration, supported by dedicated music educators and community members.

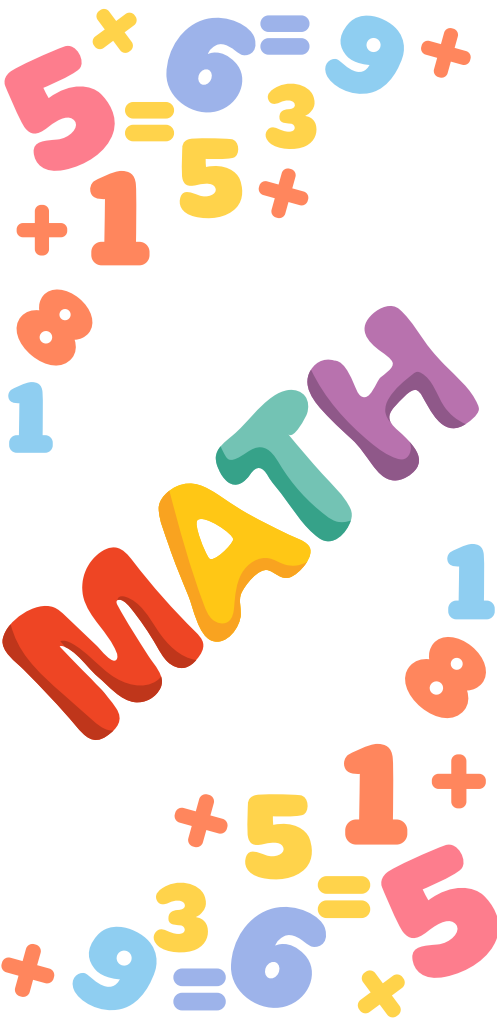
We are especially proud of our 29 Olean students who represented our district so well.





## Challenge-24 Math Competition:

Recently, students from OIMS and Washington West competed in the annual Challenge-24 Math Competition at St. Bonaventure University, and Thanks to their coaches and lots of practice, Olean took home medals at all grade levels, from third through seventh. Congratulations, everyone!





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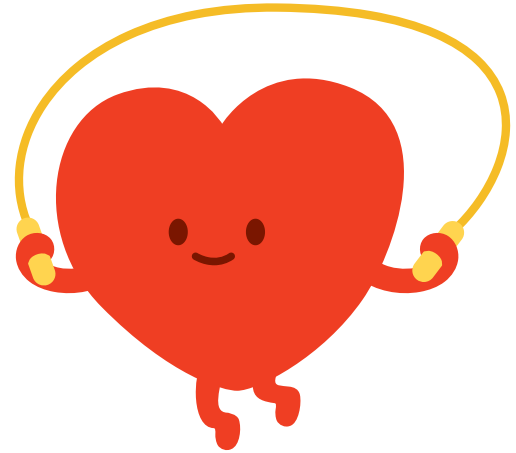
## “Cops VS Teachers” Fundraiser Basketball Game:





### East View Jump Rope Day:

On March 12th, after school, East View students had a ton of fun celebrating Jump Rope Day! Students have been working hard in Physical Education to improve their jump rope and jumping skills while raising money for the American Heart Association through the Kids Heart Challenge.





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**OLEAN HIGH SCHOOL**

## After School Homework Help

MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS  
2:45 - 4:15

GRADES **8-12**

**WHAT WE PROVIDE**

- Homework Help
- Study Skills
- Organization
- Tutoring
- Regents Prep

### OHS Library

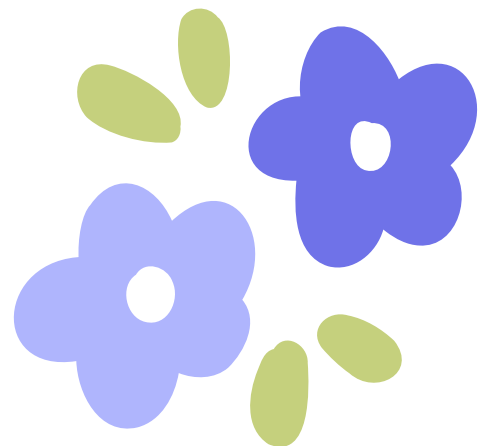


## **NYS DECA Career Conference:**

OHS DECA students joined thousands of others from across the state at the NYS DECA Career Conference in Rochester, competing in business and marketing events, attending leadership workshops, and connecting with other future leaders.



# Spring Break, Friday, April 3rd- Friday, April 10th





## Author Kari Lavelle Visits OCSD:

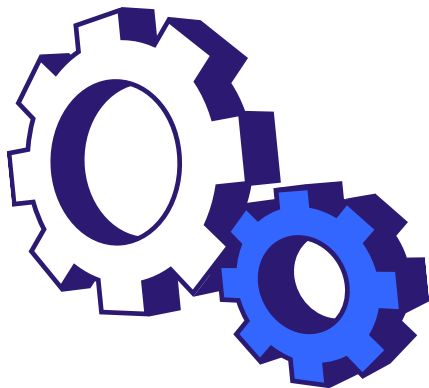
In March, our students had the opportunity to welcome children's author Kari Lavelle to our schools! Kari visited Washington West, East View, and OIMS 4th and 5th-graders, sharing her passion for reading, writing, and storytelling. At Washington West and East View, students explored her hilarious and educational Butt or Face? series, discovering how science can be turned into a fun guessing game. With OIMS 4th and 5th-graders, Kari presented "Finding Our Voices, Moving the World," encouraging students to discover their strengths and recognize the impact they can have.





## Learning the Trades:

In March, a group of students visited Alfred State College in Wellsville, where they explored hands-on programs in welding, auto body, and heavy equipment. It was a great opportunity to see real-world skills in action and learn about future career pathways in the trades.





**“Homeless Huskies”  
Fundraiser Winner:**  
Congratulations to  
Bailey for having  
raised the most  
donations in this  
year’s Homeless  
Huskies event! Your  
incredible effort and  
generosity made a  
meaningful impact





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## OHS ATHLETIC EVENT RULES

- Any student 7th grade or younger must be accompanied by a parent/guardian/caregiver for admission to any Olean high school football or basketball game. The adult accompanying the student needs to be in attendance as a point of contact for the duration of the event. This allows OHS staff to respond appropriately if issues arise among younger students who are unfamiliar to high school staff, and can help ensure a safe environment for students and families who are there to enjoy the game.
- Students are not allowed to bring bags or backpacks.
- No outside food or drinks are allowed.
- Only high school students from the home team or the visiting team are permitted to attend the game without a parent or guardian. (ID required).
- Students attending athletic events must bring valid student identification with them to show high school staff upon entering an athletic venue.



## Puppy Paradise at Washington West:

Our husky pups were in puppy paradise leading up to our upcoming Spring Break. They were snuggly, they were cuddly, and they were oh, so very cute! Thanks to our therapy-dog friends from NitroGoldens for bringing their newest bundle in to visit our pack. These lucky pups got all the love from the halls of Washington West at their young age of 5-weeks old!





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### Washington, D.C. Trip:

Our 8th-grade students enjoyed an unforgettable trip to Washington, D.C., visiting historic landmarks like the Lincoln Memorial and the U.S. Capitol. Thank you to the Olean Schools Foundation, Solepoxy, Inc., and Congressman Nick Langworthy for helping make this experience special and possible.





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## Coffee with the superintendent:

You are invited to the next Coffee with the Superintendent

### Future Coffee Dates:

- Tuesday, April 21, 2026, from 7:30 am to 8:30, OHS, Board Room
- Tuesday, May 5, 2026, from 7:30 am to 8:30, EV, Conference Room

If you're interested in attending,

Please pre-register by emailing O'Brien Dailey,

OCSD Media, Brand & Communication Specialist:  
odailey@oleanschools.org

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## COFFEE WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT



*Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to our district. Let's keep moving forward together with Husky pride, purpose, and perseverance.*

Sincerely,

*Dr. Genelle Morris*

Superintendent Olean City  
School District

